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THE YELLOW SHEETS

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October and November proved pleasant months, except when raining. Usually October is, to my notion, our most pleasant month. First frost of the season, just enough to be seen in spots fill the middle of the month; but our first one heavy enough to kill Beans and Tomatoes did not come until the night of November 23rd, which is rather late. My fingers are crossed as to late winter weather. I remember writing to a friend, the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, in the late 90's, that I was still wearing summer clothes; and the following February is still known as "the cold February" with the mercury to zero for twenty consecutive five days.

The blizzard arrived Sunday night. We were living on our homesteads then, and my aunt had a peculiar mental experience. It was our custom for me to hitch the team and we would go to Vandervoort, eight miles away, for mail and supplies, each Friday morning. That day, when I drove around to the front door, my aunt came in work clothes and said,

"Laura, we have enough supplies to last quite awhile. Something tells me we had better haul wood."

The day was sunny and pleasant. Our tie timber had been made up that late fall, and juggles and pine knots were plentiful. We hauled them all that day, stopping only for a snack at noon. Next morning my aunt still insisted that something told her we had better haul wood, which we did. We were regular attendants at church, but that Sunday morning she declared that the "something" still told her to haul wood, which we did. That night

the blizzard struck, but we had a wood pile which saw us safely through. I am hoping we do not have another cold February, for the fuel situation is entirely different.

My second year Chinese Temples (*Kalanchoe daigermontiana*) and *Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi* are in full bud, also two Africa wildlings not yet identified to my satisfaction. Think *Billbergia nutans* will be shooting bloom stalks. All these are as nearly fool proof as *Geraniums*. Most wildlings are dormant now.

CONFEDERATE VIOLETS, grey effect, thrive in poor soil and can stand more sun than others.

WHITE VIOLETS have awakened from their summer nap, and for a few weeks I can furnish them at 5c each.

HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

HARDY SEDUMS. All Sedums I call hardy can survive 15 below zero without protection. Some of them are hardy in the sub-Arctic. Most are fine for rock garden plants. Last year my *Sempervivums* made almost no increase. This year most are "hatching" chicks, and when my backlog of orders left from last year are filled, I hope to have a number of varieties of hardy Semps to offer. There is a rock garden plant par excellence. Most of the dwarf plants listed under other heads, and many of the wildlings, are also good for rock gardens.

I have a few plants of alum root to share. This is a fine rock garden plant and also good as a pot plant. 10c each.

Any of the above plants 5c each, unless otherwise noted.

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HARDY CACTI—10c EACH

OPUNTIA VULGARE (Common Prickly Pear) hardy, flower creamy yellow, fruit edible. Can be used as pot plant. Thrives in poor soil.

OPUNTIA VASEYII, hardy on the Colorado desert.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA, stately lawn plant, hardy here to 15 below.

OPUNTIA RAMOSISSIMA, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in rock gardens, also good as pot plant.

An almost spineless *Opuntia* found here in only one spot that I know of.

I have wholesale quantities of the following Sedums: *Sarmentosum*, hardy to subarctic, pendant effect. One sent me *Glaucum*, much like album, but different flowers and winter coloring; Album white flowers; evergreen with us, an album hybrid has never bloomed for me, color of foliage slightly different, a grey green one which I think is *altissum*, good in rock garden, dish garden or as a pot plant; *Acre* and *Sexanfulare* much alike but different, both dwarf and good ground cover for clayey spots; *Maximoiczi*, little known in U.S.A.—two varieties which are in dispute among the botanists who have seen them. The dealer from whom I bought them identified them as the rare pink-flowered *Stoloneferum coccinea*; and the faculty of our State Experiment Station at Hope, Ark., agrees with him. Other botanists just as well posted say that both are unusual *Spurium* hybrids.

Have from one to a dozen plants of other varieties. I have only one plant of the *Sedum Spectabile Alba*, the tall White Houseleek. Will trade other Sedums for small-rooted plants of pink, red and purple Spectabiles. Have had all three and put them out in the yard where Bermuda grass killed them.

Any *Sedum* listed, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 5c.

Seven well-rooted, small clumps, all different, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 25c, postpaid.

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Cactus Echinopsis, 10c.

Talinums, 5c each.

Chinese Temple (*Kalanchoe Daigermontiana*), 10c.

Kalanchoe Fedschenkoi, 10c.

Billbergia Nutans, 10c.

Unless otherwise stated, all plants whose prices are not given, are 5c each. Postage paid on orders of 50c or more. For less than that amount, please add 5c.

Until income is bigger, the Yellow Sheets will be published bi-monthly; and until my cubs are home from the war, more attention will be paid to unusual plants, many from other lands, than to our wildings.

Subscription 25c for 12 issues. Nice present for your garden-loving friends.

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"That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Deut. 16:20.

Jesus regarded Deuteronomy as authentic word of God, by quoting from it, and if we consider Jesus of Nazareth as our spiritual leader, we must agree with his judgment. Absolute justice between individuals is one of the basic teachings of the Bible, no toadying to the rich or those who control many votes; and no sob sistering over the poor, to the extent of injury or injustice to others. One of Satan's most successful schemes today is persuading people that special favors, unjust to employers and the public, must be granted certain organizations "to equalize their bargaining power." Of course this injustice is defended on the grounds that some employers have been unfair and oppressive. But the New Testament advises a method of dealing with such cases, so practical, so just and so successful where tried, that the wicked among both employers and employees deride it.

My friend, Mrs. J. D. Cook, R. 1, Box 490, Texarkana, Ark., writes me that she must thin her fall blooming Cactus bed. Now I do not know if she cares to sell any, but I do know that, like all enthusiastic gardeners, she is wide open for plant swaps. They have recently moved to the country, buying a place almost in the raw, and they have not yet had time to tame it. But O! the possibilities! Rather more than an acre of garden, sloping somewhat toward the north; several noble trees; enough outcroppings of native rock for two or three unique rock gardens. She is not yet fixed to do much with house plants; but if you have a surplus of nice, hardy perennials which would fit in such a location, and need some really nice fall blooming Crocus, better write to her.

Beware of Bermuda grass choking young shrubbery. I set out several last spring, spading deeply and removing all the grass roots I could find. But our excessive rainfall favored the grass and the ground too often too wet to work, that I fear all the youngsters have been choked. Next time I intend to try the European plan of using dump heap tub for young shrubbery. Ralph returned from his stay in Italy quite enthusiastic over the Italian custom of gardening on upstairs porches and roofs, even to the extent of dwarf trees—fruit trees. His prospective father in law raises Peaches on an upstairs porch. Bermuda grass cannot stand shade. I plan to have Ralph dig me quite a hole, set in it a leaky tub; fill tub with rich dirt absolutely free from grass roots and set the dwarf tree or shrub in that. The roots will grow through the holes and I hope have a

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better chance. Bermuda is one of the finest pasture grasses in the world; but it ought to be grounds for divorce for a married man to set any of the pest near his wife's garden.

Will some one who has had experience with them, please write me of the winter care of Dieramas and Maricas? I have a thriving plant of each in the house. Do they need full sun in winter? I am rather crowded for plant room on the lower floor, but have an enormous attic, warm but poorly lighted. I keep tender Cacti and related species up here and they do well; also Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi? How about the first two?

Something over fifty years ago I read an article about the Lady Baltimore of cake fame. All I remember is that her husband made fun of her favorite cake, calling it "moonshine." When he had company, she made a much richer cake for him which was called Lord Baltimore Cake. She thought both too rich for small children, so for own and little guests she made still a different cake. The recipes for all three were given in the original forms, but I did not have sense enough to save them. Have any of you these old-time recipes? Modern "adaptations" put me in a frame of mind to throw things. They assume that any woman who tries to cook is feeble-minded. Just the idea "half a teaspoonful of salt and an eighth of teaspoonful of pepper." Why not say "season to taste?" Families differ so much on seasonings.

By the way, have you skeleton leaf Geraniums? My mother had four varieties, all with a different flavored

leaf. An old German farmer living near Hannibal, Mo. (my former home), had an Apple tree which bore big crops of fancy looking Apples, but they had almost no taste, hence there was little sale for them. My mother bought them in quantity, quite cheaply. She would make Apple sauce in the usual way, sweeten to taste; then when about done and boiling hard, she would take four large Geranium leaves, wash them, shake most of the water off, and draw them through the sauce a time or two, taste and if need be, draw through a little more. We were fond of the flavor, but if it is new for your family, go lightly at first. With Cinnamon this gave us five different varieties of Apple sauce, and if she had thought of them, a few of the little red hot Peppermint drops would have given a sixth.

With Peaches sky high as they were last year, we cannot well afford the loss of a single jar. We all know that if the fermentation is discovered just starting, a thorough re-heating will save the fruit. A few years ago, before the politicians began meddling with sugar, my step daughter, Dody, discovered how to save one whose flavor is completely spoiled.

I had needed some candied Orange peel and worked up the rinds of three Oranges, but forgot to change the water, and the result was too rank to use. Hating to throw away so much sugar, I set the dish aside. About that time she discovered a jar leaking and bubbling. Dumped the contents into a big sauce pan, added the rank Orange peel and what she considered enough sugar (I do not know the exact amount) and cooked it until thick

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and dark. The result was delicious Orange marmalade. The flavor of fermentation and also of the Peach was entirely covered, while the Orange was toned down to acceptable taste. Ordinarily about half that much peel ought to be enough.

As soon as Ralph can get around to making the coops, I plan to buy 25 Partridge Cochins baby chicks. Mrs. Charles Hetzler, Albany, Wis., was kind enough to locate for me a responsible firm handling them. Last spring I set one of my Buff Orpingtons on a nice clutch of selected eggs, and sold my rooster, which was promptly eaten. Then some neighbor kids stole the eggs, and there I was. The Buff Orpingtons are a first-class back yard breed, large, high quality meat, good layers, quiet and thrive in confinement; but the Partridge Cochins are so much handsomer that, since I must get a new start, will consider the decorative quality too.

One of the big mistakes of beginning back yard chicken raisers is to use a farm breed. That is, unless you like to scrap with your neighbors. They are developed to rustle for part of their living, and rustle they will if given half a chance. But breeds developed in the thickly settled parts of Europe and Asia, where room for a coop is at a premium, will thrive, grow fast and lay well on three square feet of floor space if given proper attention.

Have any of you had success in raising the vegetable Celeriac? I want to try some next spring, and know nothing about its needs. Is it a lime lover? Should it be planted spring or fall, or for succession? I am strong for companion and succes-

sion plantings. We make early gardens from late January, which is early, to early March, which is late. Normally we look for a six weeks' drought in mid-summer, ending late July with copious rains. Frosts that kill Tomatoes come about early November. Now with such a season, when should Celeriac be planted? Can it be wintered like Beets and Carrots? Thank you.

Am sold out of green and white striped, and the dark red Wandering Jew until new cuttings are rooted. Have plenty of the common, and the big leaf green, and the grey striped.

Have been fortunate enough to secure the Peony plants I wanted; now would like to swap for the succulent known as Elkhorn (Dyera). Have had it and lost it in a blizzard. Building much warmer now.

Have just received a shipment of New Delta Fig trees from the New Delta Nursery. Due to a mistake at this end, they were held in the express office about two weeks; yet they were so vigorous originally and so carefully packed that I do not think they were seriously hurt. We promptly set them, using plenty of water to puddle the dirt around the roots, then arranged a mulch of dead leaves over the surrounding soil, and am confidently expecting them to do O. K.

What is the botanical name of the plant advertised a "Hen and Chicken Cactus?"

